

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 20 are pending in this application. Claim 6 is amended in several particulars for purposes of clarity in accordance with current Office policy, to assist the examiner and to expedite compact prosecution of this application.

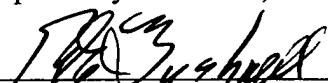
This Amendment is submitted for the purpose of the appeal.

Claim 6 has been corrected for antecedent basis in this Amendment. No new matter has been added.

Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested for consideration on appeal. Should any questions remain unresolved, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicant's attorney.

No fee is incurred by this Amendment. Should there be a deficiency in payment, or should other fees be incurred, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 02-4943 of Applicant's undersigned attorney in the amount of such fees.

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